Feasibility Report on Widening of NH-45

2716. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

SHRI V. P. DURAISAMY :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether M/s L. R. Kadiyali Associates, New Delhi furnished a proposal containing feasibility report and detailed project report in respect of cement concreting of Km 0/0-11/7 (Phase-I) and widening to six laning and cement concreting of Km 11.7-27/8 (phase-II) of National Highway 45 in Chennai city;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has given approval to this project; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), who have been entrusted with work of development and maintenance of NH-45, are maintaining short links of NH-45 passing through Chennai city in traffic worthy condition until the completion of Chennai bypass. Hence, the major improvement works like cement concreting the reach in Km. 0/0-27/8 of NH-45 could not be considered by the NHAI.

Declaration of Ramanathapuram—Tuticorin Highway as National Highway

2717. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY :

SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to declare Ramanathapuram to Tuticorin Highway via Sayalkudi as a new National Highway;

(b) whether the State Government of Tamil Nadu sent any proposal to this effect in June, 1999;

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Ministry; and

(d) the reasons for not declaring the above road as National Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.